

Week 1: Faith + Works

While “faith” and “works” are often pitted against each other, James reminds us that they are designed to work together. While works do not guarantee salvation, they are the natural outcome of a life that has been surrendered to Jesus. Like an engine, faith is meant to be put to work in order to be useful. **Read James 2:14-26.**

Reflection:

What is the danger of focusing exclusively on works or exclusively on faith when we talk about following Jesus?

As you look at your life, do you feel that you “put your faith to work?” If so, how? If not, why not?

Listen:

Ask God to reveal what areas of your life are most impacted by your faith and which areas are least impacted by your faith. Tell someone (or write down) what God reveals to you.

Action:

Commit to doing one thing this week that is a result of your faith. It could be volunteering somewhere, giving generously to something you believe in, helping a neighbor, writing a note of encouragement, or refraining from something that is not healthy.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, allow my faith in you to produce a life full of action. I pray that you use me to care for those that need care and comfort those that need comfort. In my desire to follow you, protect me from pride that can accompany an active life. May others see you in the way I live my life.
AMEN.

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